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For: POLYMER-BASED ORTHOPEDIC SCREW  
AND DRIVER SYSTEM WITH INCREASED  
INSERTION TORQUE TOLERANCE AND  
ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR MAKING AND  
USING SAME

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2004, the time period  
for response ending on January 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following  
amendments for entry in the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of  
this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on Page 4 of this Amendment.